

## ANZCVS- Small Ruminant Chapter President's report 2022/3

2023 was our examination year and we had examiners appointed and ready to go. We had a significant number of sheep candidates in an on-line study group supported by a previous examiner who then had to exclude himself this year. Thanks to those members who stepped up to help out as sheep examiners and to the Subject Standards committee. Unfortunately many possible sheep candidates decided ultimately not to sit this year. We also had no goat candidates this year, so Vicki and I did not have to set a goat membership exam. The next exam year is 2025 and I would encourage members to talk to colleagues about sitting in the future.

We also did not have a presence at Science week this year. In the absence of a volunteer Science Week coordinator, I took part in some initial Zoom meeting in case we were approached again for a joint session by another chapter. However this did not happen, despite being asked twice the year before.

I have managed the Chapter webpage on the ANZCVS overarching website. I added a fact-sheet on veterinary advice after floods for goat owners that I wrote in response to wide-spread floods in eastern Australia and parts of New Zealand. Suggestions for improving our chapter's web presence are welcome – see <http://www.anzcv.org.au/chapters/small+ruminant+chapter>. I also wrote a couple of small items for the chapter for the Courier.

I have managed the sales of FAMACHA cards again this year and the profits from these sales have put us in a very healthy financial position. FAMACHA courses were slowed due to Covid but I ran Zoom courses for my business and those that completed the course, passed the written exam and provided a video of using a dummy card, were then sent a college invoice for purchasing a card. A copy of the invoice was also sent to the Treasurer. Once paid the card was posted.

The executive committee had not met, doing all business by email. Despite emails asking for any agenda items or issues, we did not have enough to hold a Zoom meeting. I would encourage members to stand for the Executive as 2024 is a non-examination year so the time commitment will be low and it is will be an easy introduction to the work of the Executive.